Description of Study Abroad Award in Spanish

PURPOSE

This semester the Modern Language department will award $1,000 to one of our Spanish majors traveling abroad to study Spanish at a university in Spain or Latin America. Applicants for the award must have declared the Spanish major.

ELIGIBILITY

All application forms must be handed to the secretary of Modern Languages before noon on Friday, November 7. The following week, the Spanish section will make a decision on the award. At this time all the faculty teaching program courses will hold a discussion and, following the criteria specified down below, vote to select the best candidate from those students that may be applying for the award.

- Applicants will submit an application form with a written plan of study and an essay describing why they are interested in this opportunity;
- The award recipient will be a Spanish major in the sophomore, junior or senior year, and must have studied at Potsdam at least one year before traveling abroad, and return to study at least one semester to Potsdam after his/her time abroad;
- The overall grade point average will be at least 3.0;
- The grade point average in Spanish will be at least 3.0;
- The recipient will commit him/herself to at least one semester of study in a Spanish speaking country at a recognized school at the collegiate level;
- The recipient will agree to do one presentation to his/her peers, submit a written report to the department chair, and a copy of it to the Spanish section head one month upon returning from his/her experience abroad;
- Where other criteria produce equal candidates, financial need, an enthusiastic commitment to the language and motivation to do a presentation, will be determining factors.